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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and
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 March 17, 2004, November 3, 2003, and October 24, 2001, applicants hereby
 submit a copy of a Chinese Office Action that was mailed on April 22, 2005,
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 family member Chinese Patent Application No. 01124722.3, in which the
 following document was cited:

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The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each
 document is relevant, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner are set forth in
 the Chinese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants have included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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